

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HYDROTHERMAL PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF QUASI-CRYSTALLINE BOEHMITE

the specification of which:

is attached hereto and/or was filed on May 16, 2006.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Number	Country	Day/Mo/Yr Filed	Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

DOMESTIC APPLICATION(S)/PCT APPLICATION(S) - U.S. DESIGNATED

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
60/524,875	NOVEMBER 26, 2003	ABANDONED

And I hereby appoint attorneys associated with Customer Number 56744, as my attorney or agent to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, said attorneys to have full power of substitution and revocation, including the power to revoke the appointments of attorneys or agents herein made. Please make all telephone calls to Marcy M. Hoepling (225) 388-7210.

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WHEREFORE, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me or us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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